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to Public Accounts Committee

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Ludmilla for some 20 years, I write to express an opinion on the proposed development of Richardson Park.

When the development was first mooted, it seems that the Rugby League hierarchy was opposed to the idea as the maintenance of the ground had been a millstone round their neck for many years.

When there is a massive area at Marrara being developed as the sports hub for Darwin, why on earth would you spend a fortune developing a new stadium at the existing Richardson Park site? In addition why would you spend that sort of money on what would be primarily a rugby league ground when that is not a major sport in the NT?

By all means develop the site, perhaps with low-density housing more in keeping with the area, and which would improve the housing situation at no cost to the taxpayer.

A new stadium might be filled twice a year when NRL teams are paid to come here. How can the expenditure in the order of 200 million dollars be justified? As a business proposition it just does not make sense and will end up just the same as it is now, namely a white elephant.

This is a quiet residential area and the return of all-day noise pollution with ground announcements and tinny music would be very detrimental to the weekend tranquility of the suburb. At Marrara that would not be a problem.

As a long-term resident I am very strongly opposed to the proposed redevelopment.

Yours faithfully,
John Bennett